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SUBJECT: PEMEX EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

1. PETOFF RECENTLY DISCUSSED PEMEX'S CURRENT AND PROJECTED DRILLING PLANS WITH A KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL OF A PEMEX SUBSIDIARY. COMPANY DOES SEISMIC, GRAVIMETRIC, AND TOPOGRAPHIC STUDIES ON CONTRACT TO PEMEX AND HAS CONSTANT ACCESS TO DRILLING LOGS AND WELL PRODUCTION DATA.

2. PEMEX HAS 50 EXPLORATION RIGS DRILLING FOR GAS NEAR ANAHUAC, NUEVO LEON. RIGS WERE TRANSFERRED NORTH FROM THE CHIAPAS-TABASCO AREA LATE IN 1975. NEXT AREA TO BE EXPLORED WILL BE BETWEEN ANAHUAC AND NUEVO LAREDO. NEARLY EVERY WELL DRILLED SO FAR HAS BEEN PRODUCTIVE AND THE AREA IS YIELDING 66 MILLION CU/FT OF GAS PER DAY.

2. PEMEX HAS DRILLED FIVE DRY HOLES IN THE BAHIA BALLENAS AREA OF BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR. NEXT AREA OF EXPLORATION WILL BE LA CANTINA, IMMEDIATELY TO THE SOUTH. WELLS ARE MORE STRATIGRAFIC THAN EXPLORATORY IN NATURE.

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3. FOUR GRAVIMETRIC CREWS ARE WORKING IN THE ALTIPLANO

AREA OF SAN LUIS, AGUASCALIENTES, ZACATECAS, CHIHUAHUA, AND COAHUILA STATES. INITIAL RESULTS ARE PROMISING AND EXPLORATORY DRILLING WILL PROBABLY BEGIN NEAR THE END OF 1976.

4. ONE GRAVIMETRIC TEAM IS WORKING SOUTH OF THE CITY OF VERACRUZ. THERE IS SOME SHALLOW PRODUCTION THERE AND THE TEAM IS STUDYING DEEPER STRATA.

5. IN THE REFORMA AREA, SOURCE CONFIRMED NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF A 1600 BBL/DAY STRIKE ALONG THE WESTWARD EXTENSION OF THE REFORMA TREND IN VERA CRUZ STATE. CHAC NO.2- THERE IS NO CHAC NO. 1 - IS PRODUCING 2000 BBLS/DAY FROM TWO ZONES IN THE TERTIARY; THE CRETACEOUS HAS NOT BEEN TESTED. TWO SEISMIC AND ONE GRAVIMETRIC TEAMS ARE WORKING IN THE AREA, ONE OF THE FORMER OFFSHORE.

6. GEOLOGICAL FEATURES OFF THE COAST OF YUCATAN AND QUINTANA ROO ARE AS PROMISING AS THOSE IN THE GULF OF CAMPECHE. PEMEX DOES NOT PLAN TO DO ANYTHING IN THAT AREA OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, BUT IS WELL AWARE OF ITS POTENTIAL.
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